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A festival to kick off the fall season

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The weekend of Oct. 19 -21, Saint Leo University held its annual Fall Family Festival. Presented by the Campus Activities Board (CAB) and Student Services, the weekend was filled with numerous activities available to students, staff, and families alike; a weekend all participants will not soon forget.

Fridays consisted of a Lions Golf outing at the Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club for those who registered as well as dinner for students and registered families.

The Turf Stadium and parking garage ribbon cutting ceremony was also a celebrated event as the campus gathered to welcome the new addition to the Saint Leo Campus.

But the real kick off to the weekend, according to the students, was the hypnotist Dr. Jim Wand. With a renowned resume and a great sense of humor, the doors opened at 7:40pm and the show began

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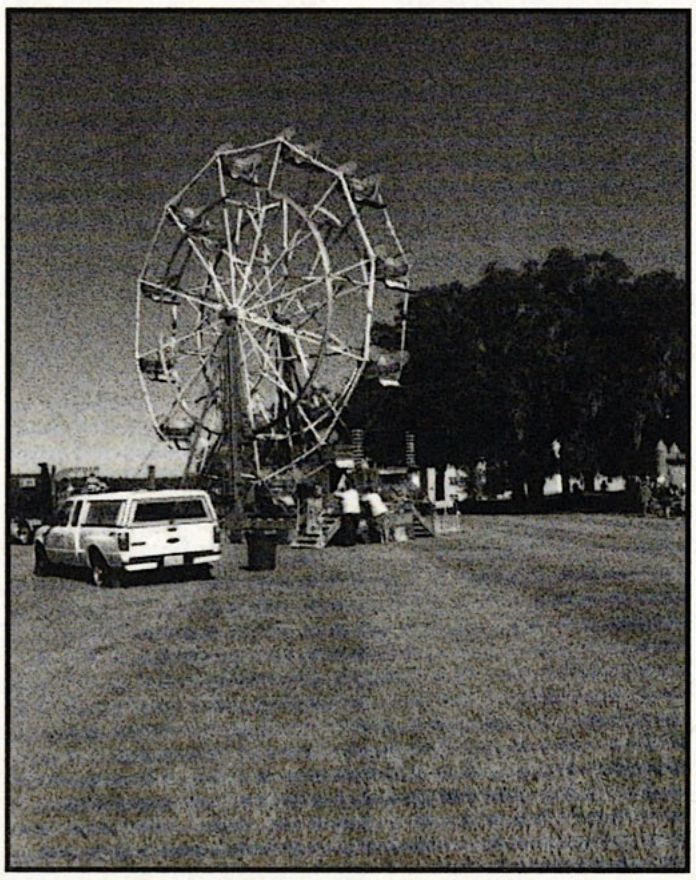

Photo by Marlie Gonzalez
The Ferris wheel was set up for people to ride.

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Peace assumes the center stage in an interfaith discourse

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"Religion in the Public Sphere, The Role of Interfaith Dialogue in American Society" was the subject of discourse during a public lecture held on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Saint Leo University, SCC, Greenfelder – Denlinger Boardroom under the auspices of the Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies.

Pending the 2012 general elections in the United States, the moral and ethical ramifications of religion - political inclinations and their bearings on the decision making process cannot be underestimated in anyway. Particularly when it has not been clearly defined who determines the cross bearing of religion, ethics, and politics.

As the coordinator of the program, Dr. Abraham Peck, Executive Director of the Center for Catholic – Jewish Studies at Saint Leo University, is very optimistic of the instrument of dialogue in handling the rather delicate religious mishaps hanging around the neck of humanity. He pledges his maximum support and that of the Center, in such discourse, to reach to a wider scope of the social fabric and to intensify the education and the enhancement of understanding religion as a culture of inherent traditions and faith which brings humanity to fulfillment.

In his opening prayer, Imam Hassan sets the tone by concentrating on righteousness, which is a prerequisite in the quest to commune with God. He points to few practices which guarantee and ensure righteousness from the Quran readings: such as charity, aid to the poor, consciousness of God, and volunteerism.

In a brief address delivered by Dr. David Honandus on behalf of Dr. Kirk Arthur Jnr., President of the University, he expressed his appreciation for the organizers of the program and the resource personnel for their time and dedication. He indicated the President's unflinching support and commitment to the cause, and regretted his essential absence. He encouraged and wished the discussants and the audience a fruitful and passionate discourse that would be more informing and purposeful, devoid of intolerance, mudslinging and dogmatism. He reminded the session of the need to see the whole exercise as one, in the service of God and worship.

The occasion was graced by four gurus on the issue of religion and interfaith dialogue, namely Rabbi Mark L. Winer, President of FAITH: the Foundation to Advance Interfaith Trust and Harmony, and also the Chair of International Interfaith Task Force, and the World Union for Progressive Judaism; Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, Chairman of the Cordoba Initiative: an independent and nonpartisan multinational project that works with state and non-state actors to improve Muslim – West relations and a co-founder of the American Society for Muslim Advancement (ASMA); Professor Scott Alexander, an Associate Professor of Islamic Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a Consultant on the Catholic - Muslim relations for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Association for Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers; and finally, Rabbi Amy Eilberg, the first woman ordained as a conservative Rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America who also directs Interfaith dialogue programs in the Twin Cities, including the Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning and the St. Paul Interfaith Network.

At the deliberations of the think-tanks, two major concerns are addressed, namely the proper role of religion in the U.S. and the role of religion in an interfaith dialogue in a polarized dispensation of socio-political connectivity and their implications for the peace and development of our global agenda.

As the Moderator of the event, Rabbi Eilberg outlines the essence of the dialogue and sets the parameters clear, which include such factors as the avoidance of hate speech, the observance of decorum in use of language, the respect for eminent personalities, and the views of everyone who matters. She reiterates the role of religious groups in working collaboratively to ensure peaceful and harmonious co-existence among all manner of people in our society against the backdrop of sparks of enmity and acrimony.

Rabbi Winer, also a Senior Scholar at the West London Synagogue of British Jews, espoused on various conceptualizations which the subject brings into the focal line of the quest for harmonious co-existence. The desirable impact of religion on the society is something, which he sees as, 'what we are within' and 'what we

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Opinions

Coupon your way to a cheaper lifestyle

By Mike Gincel
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Here is an example of smart shopping

Within the past few years, a new trend has cast upon the nation. This trend is called extreme couponing. Extreme couponing is when a person with stacks of coupons get their groceries for nearly next to nothing. But how did this trend start and how did it get so popular so quickly? More importantly, how can a college student learn the ways of an extreme couponer but on a much smaller scale?

The trend started when TLC aired a new series on their network entitled Extreme Couponing. It profiled two shoppers and showed how they cut their grocery bills by up to 95% just by using coupons. There were people who cut their checkout from $2,000 down to zero.

This program intrigued me and it made me wonder if I could accomplish the same thing back at Saint Leo University. I thought I would give it a shot and see if I could start clipping coupons like the pros in order to save a few bucks.

I started couponing at the beginning of the semester and it gave me the biggest rush at the checkout. I started small and only saved $20 on my first shopping trip. But then, as I started researching couponing more and more, I slowly learned the secrets on how to slash grocery bills by 50%.

My biggest trip was at the Super Wal-Mart just three weeks ago, where I purchased $218.93 worth of groceries, health and beauty and cleaning supplies. It was quite the rush when I handed over a stack of coupons and walked out paying only $78.49.

A lot of people on this campus have asked me: How do I do it? How do I start couponing and start saving money? Here are my top seven tips for starting out on your coupon journey:

1.) Purchase Sunday Papers – This is where most coupons come from. Coupon inserts are added to every Sunday paper. I recommend starting out with two or three papers. That way you can get double or triple the inserts. I tend to research online what inserts are coming out that week. I have worked my way up to six inserts a week, but I usually save one or two for future weeks of shopping as items go on sales weeks after the coupons come out.

2.) Research, Research, Research – This is an important one. Now that you have the inserts, you will want to now start looking at the sale ads and looking at online databases. Simply google "coupon matchups" and enter the start date of that week (example: "coupon matchups 10/8"). Several coupon blogs match coupons from this week and previous weeks to in-store deals.

3.) Only purchase what you need and stockpile small – Start off by purchasing only products that you use often. It would be an absolute waste to coupon for items that you don't really need. Unless you are getting that item for a low price and you plan on donating it, don't purchase it. I tend to coupon for laundry products, bottled beverages, snacks and cleaning supplies. The supplies I tend to use the most frequently. Also, when a deal is really good, you should stock up for a few weeks rather than buy one or two. That way you have enough to last you until the next big deal or coupon comes out.

4.) Promotions, they are everywhere! – CVS, Walgreens and Winn-Dixie are the big stores that have in-store promotions when you buy certain products. CVS has the ExtraCare bucks, Walgreens has the Register Rewards and Winn-Dixie has Fuel Perks. If you buy certain items under their program, you can earn coupons for money off your next purchase. Match these items with coupons for some amazing deals. (Example: Last week, CVS had Gillete Razors for 9.99. If you bought one, you got a $5 in Extra Care bucks. I had a $4 off one razor coupon. I ended buying that razor for only $5.99 and had $5.00 to spend in the store, so I only spent 99 cents out of pocket.)

5.) You can coupon at the dollar store – Did you know that you can use coupons at Dollar Tree, Dollar General and Family Dollar? Those places have the best deals all around but the products are limited. Make sure to look at those places too for great bargains on cleaning supplies, water bottles, health and beauty, laundry soap and common household items.

6.) Know the coupon policies – This is a tough one. All stores have different policies when it comes to redeeming coupons. Read up on the policies as store managers and cashiers are cracking down on them more and more as couponing becomes popular. Make sure you follow the rules and be sure to have a copy of the policy with you when you shop to make it easier.

7.) Have a coupon binder – I thought this one was silly. A binder? But it makes managing coupons easier. Get a simple 2 inch binder and stock it with baseball card holders. They are perfect for holding coupons, spare inserts and more. I always tend to have a calculator, a pen or two, and weekly ads in my binder at all times.

Couponing has become a major success for many shoppers, myself included. I have saved over $400 on my groceries this semester alone and I do not plan on stopping anytime soon. If you keep at it and you do your research, you can start saving money too. Do not get upset if transactions do not go the way they are supposed to, because it will happen on occasion. Above all, it is important to have fun with it and always remember that it will make a difference in your overall budget. I hope to see you at checkout.

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Campus News

Kicking addiction out of your life

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"I took a swig and I was home free!" Psychotherapist, life coach, and author Sherry Gaba stated to the audience. Gaba was invited to be part of the speaker series to discuss and present her new book "The Law of Sobriety," which features insight on "metaphysical solutions for all kinds of unhealthy habits, patterns, and addictions."

Gaba has seen many things in her life, but none stick out more in her mind as much as addiction. She has first-hand experience of what it is like to be addicted and to have an "allergy" to alcohol.

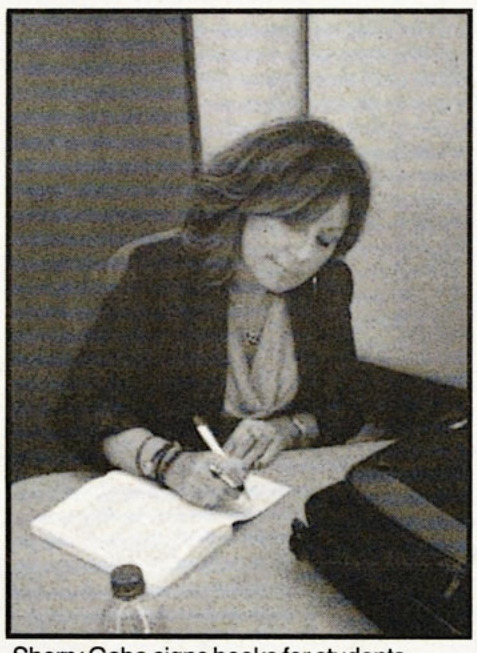
Having been a college student, she understands that students are going to want to explore curiosities that they might not have been able to fulfill previously at home. She admitted that she wanted to be part of the "in-crowd" during college.

"I went into the room and there were all these people with their own cliques. And I thought, 'How am I going to fit in?'" Gaba said.

The answer to her at the time was binge drinking. After Gaba became sober, she was able to teach others about how binge drinking made college life more difficult. She recommended that when students choose to drink that they follow a series of guidelines which can be helpful in ensuring that students enjoy themselves and remain safe.

Planning makes every task simpler, so why not use planning to reduce alcohol related risk? First off, a person should eat a full meal and have plenty of non-alcoholic liquids in their system prior to drinking. It is important to plan out transportation to and from the destination in order to limit accidents caused by drunk driving and becoming trapped in an un-wanted location.

There are a variety of ways to solve transportation problems: calling a taxi, choosing a reliable designated driver, and spending the night at the drinking location. Also, do not forget to leave without trusted friends who will look out for each other's safety. While at the drinking location, make a plan of who will pair up with whom and make a schedule of drinking with that person in order to watch out for intoxication levels.


Sherry Gaba signs books for students

Be aware who is pouring drinks. No one would trust a complete stranger to borrow their car, so why trust them to pour drinks? Do not mix various types of alcohol together for the sake of becoming heavily intoxicated. It is dangerous playing games and mixing alcohol.

Furthermore, some mixtures, such as diet soda and alcohol, make alcohol more effective on the body. When a person follows these guidelines, they ensure a more enjoyable time that they not only remember but can also feel secure about.

If a student feels that these guidelines are "unfair" and "ruin a good time," Gaba reminds them that statistics do not lie when it comes to the risks commonly associated with alcohol. College students reported 28.6% of the time that stress is the biggest factor in their lives. Since alcohol is a natural depressant, it only makes the stress relievable for a very short time.

College students reported 20.4% of the time that sleep problems are the second biggest factor in their lives that make college life more stressful. Alcohol can interrupt sleep patterns, leaving a person feeling more tired. These contributed factors can make an already stressful college life more challenging.

However, Gaba gave ways to reduce this stress and temptation to drink through the practices of metaphysical exercises. "Progress and progression" are the keys to make it successfully through recovery from addiction. One of the mediations in her book involves critically thinking about how much a person is pleased with oneself.

"Take several deep breaths, close your eyes, and ask yourself 'Am I making fulfilling decisions for myself?'" Gaba said.

The meditation started with everyone asking a series of questions about where they currently stood in their life: "What are my greatest fears, what other choices can I make?" After trying to answer, Gaba finished off the exercise by reciting self-esteem boosting statements.

"The decisions I am making are fulfilling and purposeful. My fear of failing is just a thought." Completing a few of these simple meditations daily can improve one's thoughts about their lives and the obstacles they must overcome.

"I want to plant seeds for those in recovery," said Gabba.

If a student feels like they are falling into addiction, seek help and plant seeds for generations to come.

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are in relation with the world.' Our contribution to the world around us must bring us in the face, into responsibility to wanting to face ourselves and present ourselves in that image. The world in its entirety is a shattered end so what we are required to perform is to bring the pieces together into its wholeness. What is within us has a responsibility and must create peace with what we do.

Professor Scott draws inspiration from the historical antecedent of our social quest for peace through our own individual and / or group religious inclinations. Admittedly, he re-echoes the efforts of the past generation in this direction and capitalized on the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to direct his thoughts. Significantly glaring, is the protection of religion and religious activities from the influence of government which is enshrined therein. The proper role he recalls, centers on self-regulation. The degree to which religious organizations embed themselves into the body politics of the current dispensation, building Left- Right ideological extremities of either a liberal or a rather conservative idiosyncrasy is a matter of great concern. A major single threat, which he laments, is the buildup of tribalistic dichotomies which are essentially useless to talk, and the need to deconstruct them within the framework of our pluralistic age, which draws common ground for our global integration.

"A vessel for the drop of the divine breath is human being" Iman Rauf said.

He concludes that every human being has an intuitive knowledge of God at birth. A critical consideration of the commandments which Jesus gives concerning love is his basis for concluding that 'The Rule of Law' must be on the basis of the commandments concerning love. For him, our faith is synonymous to the love of God while our love for humanity must be based on "Actions". If these premises are true, then good actions must necessarily give meaning to 'Faith'. He underscores the significance of interfaith dialogue in the sense that it paves way for understanding. Understanding emerges when we are able to define the things we share in common in our deep rooted- faiths and traditions better than the things which differentiate us as a people.

Most importantly, he emphasizes the things which are 'important' to us as a people, the same things he considers in his candid opinion as the source(s) of our disharmony. The analogies he gives are clear to consolidate the argument thus making religion one of such things which is most important to us and its attendant desegregations and disharmonies.

Rabbi Winer better agrees that in our social contract, conflict is inevitable. To be a human being is to be in conflict, he indicates. In the face of the circumstance, his recommendation is conflict resolution through the instrument of an interfaith or interface dialogue. By discovering the things that divide us, we strive forward for a common ground and for mutual understanding.

As individuals, groups of people or a country, our inherent traditional religions must have something positive to offer our societies and for that matter the American society, this, Scott identifies as the ethics of reconciliation. He first considers God as a reconciliatory God to whom our various religions are inclined in much the same vein.

"The One God is not the one numerically, but

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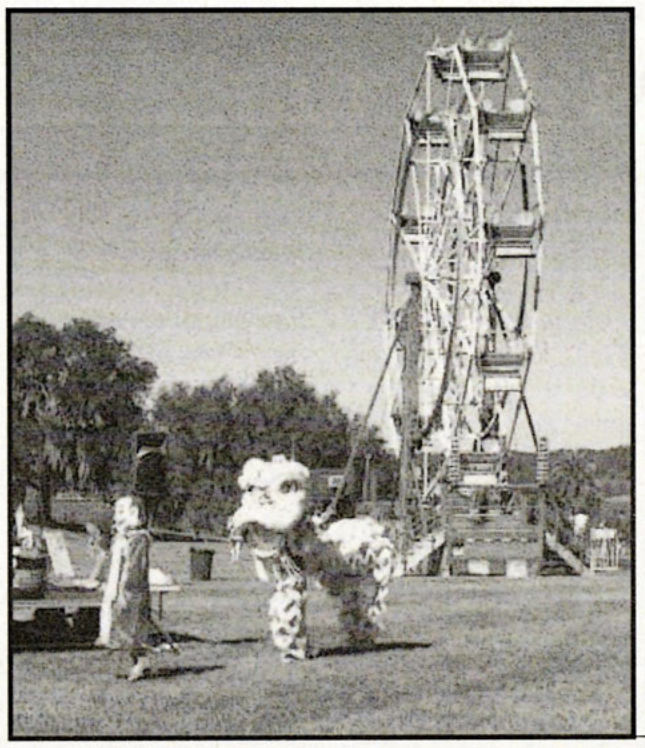
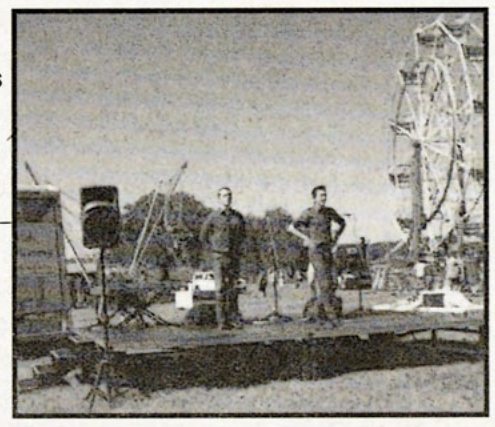


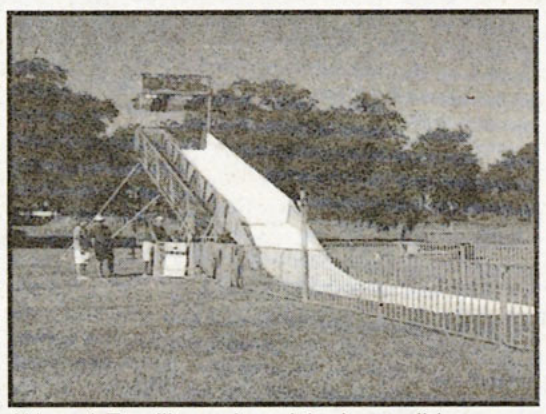
(Left) The Asian Culture Society performed a traditional Chinese dance.

(Left) The festival offered tables for clubs and organizations to spread their message.



(Right) Numerous bands performed for visiting families.

(Above) Tents were available to families and friends during the sunny day.



(Above) Families enjoyed the huge slide.

(Left) Bungee jumping was just another option available to families and friends.

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promptly at 8pm.

Veteran volunteers rushed to the stage and whether pressured or thrill seekers, a nice ratio of females to males shared the seats on stage to start off the show. As students and parents alike were added to the performers or invited to take a seat as the audience, the night was filled with contagious laughter and rolling cameras as complete strangers and close friends became the entertainment for the night.

As enjoyable as the hypnotist was, whether unable to attend or lack of knowledge, the Boardrooms neglected to fill all the seats. "I heard a lot of good things about it from the students", said Amy Persaud, graduate student at Saint Leo University. The hypnotist continued as a student favorite echoing throughout the weekend, even to those who couldn't attend.

The SCC information desk was flooded with new arrivals as registration spanned from 9 am to noon Saturday morning. Families, friends, alumni, and board members alike prepared for the bulk of the weekend soon to begin at 11 am; The World's Fair.

The Bowl, or what is now the field behind the SCC building, was filled with colors, sights and smells only attainable with a fair of course, and that it was. From entertainment around the world, to free novelties such as henna and hand cut silhouettes, to baked goods, rosary bracelets, and smoothies available for purchase, this fair was buzzing with participants.

There was a new addition to the event this year and Janet Zicht was indeed a fan. "I'm glad they provided the tents for the club's tables" said the senior.

All the clubs and vendors were covered by tents this year, a great addition shielding not only those selling, but the potential customers from the what was soon to be a scorching day.

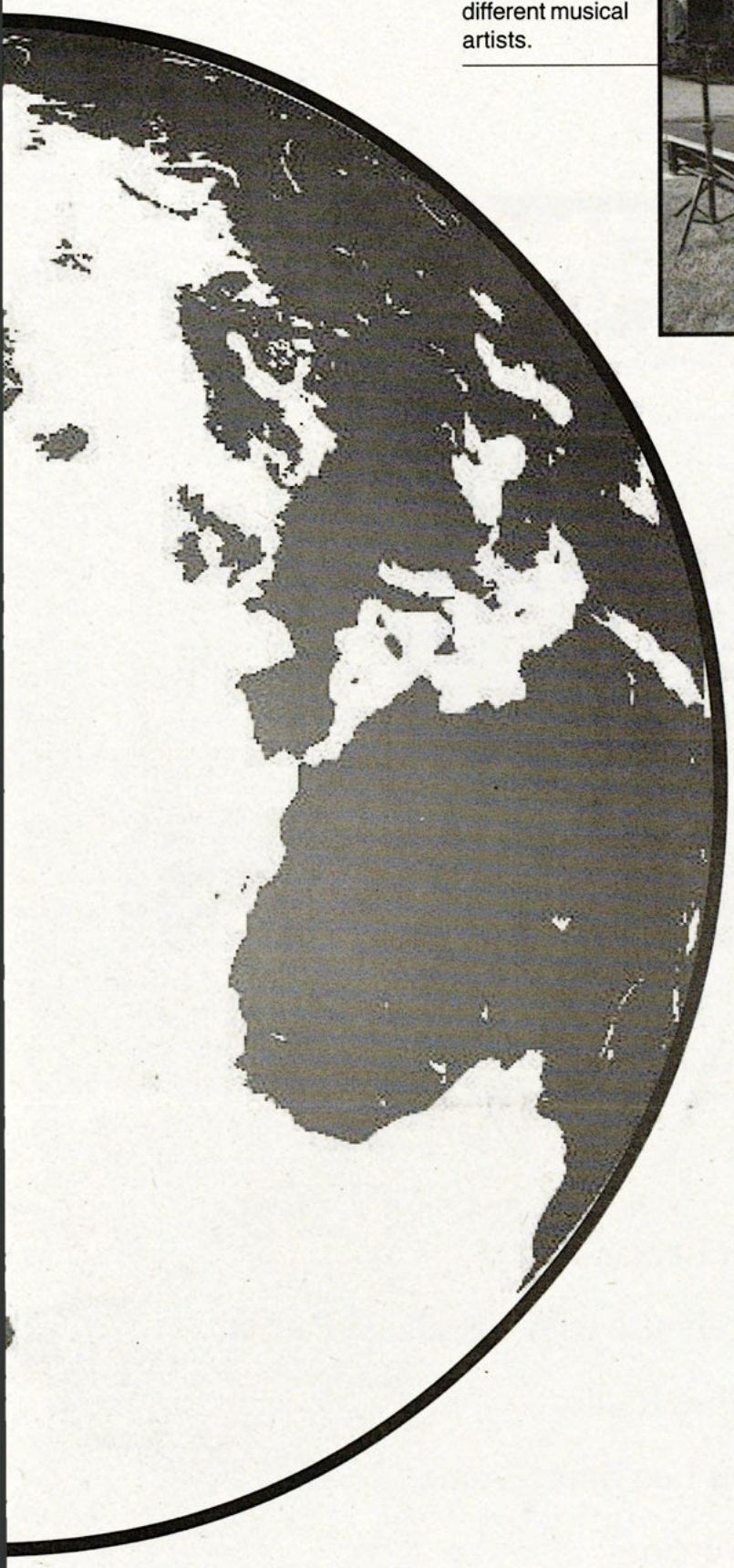
Disregarding the frequent glimpse of a nun or two, one couldn't take a few steps without a flash of neon green blurring ones vision. All proudly wearing their matching uniforms, the vast amount of volunteers amongst the fair participants, were happy, helpful and smiling throughout the whole day, whether watching a booth, helping with entertainment, or assisting with release forms in Christina DuPree's case.

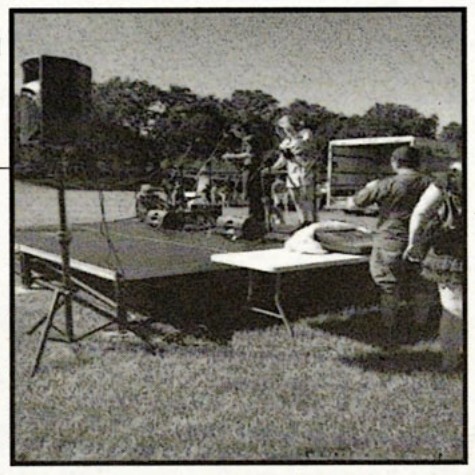
"I thought it would be a fun thing to do today" said sophomore DuPree. "I didn't have any plans so I thought I'd volunteer."

The esteemed attractions were a huge part of the World fair and a student favorite, especially one in particular by the name of Judy.

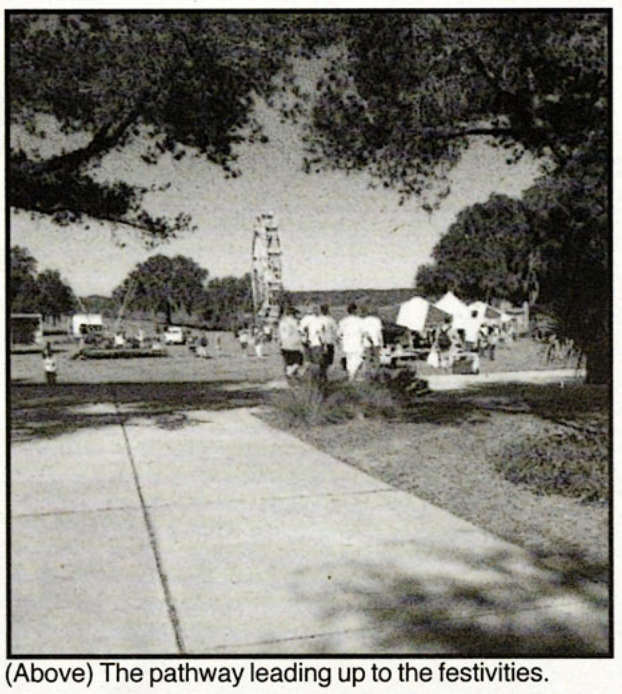
"My favorite part was the elephant," said Abi Fox, a transfer student. "It was something really original and defiantly something everyone could brag about pretty much for the

The World's Fair



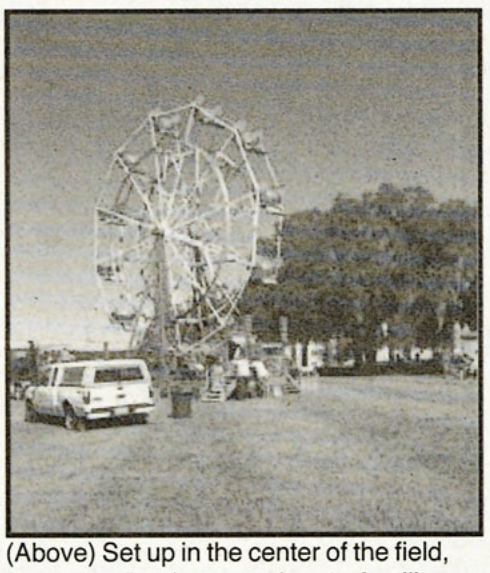


(Right) The festival featured many different musical artists.

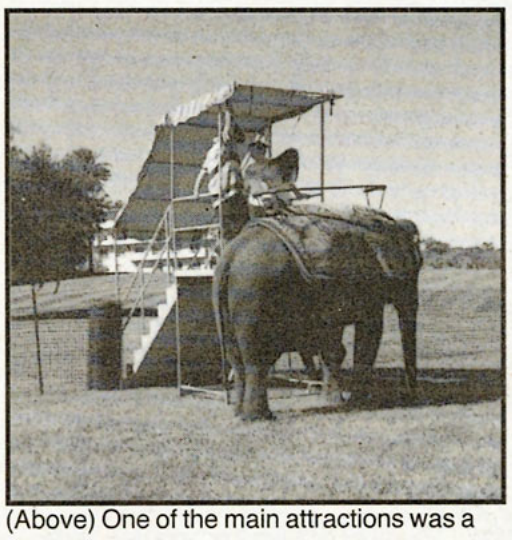


(Above) The pathway leading up to the festivities.

(Left) CAB members and volunteers set up the main tent early Saturday morning before the festivities began.



(Above) Set up in the center of the field, the ferris wheel attracted many families.



(Above) One of the main attractions was a live elephant.

Marlie Gonzalez

rest of their lives"

Giuseppe Rodriguez , brother of Dominique Rodriguez a junior at Saint Leo, thought the fireworks were the best part of the festival but wasn't too impressed with the quality of the food.

"The hamburgers were too thin," said Giuseppe Rodriguez. Other than thicker burgers Rodriguez had no other complaint about the festival overall.

Also excited about the fireworks was Alexandria Blaha, a freshman at Saint Leo University. Although her parents weren't able to share the weekend, parts of the festival she truly enjoyed.

"The different novelty things and the elephant, "said Blaha. "The food was really good; I had the fish and chips", Happy to recommend the food to anyone was Blaha.

Positive suggestions were made throughout the day.

"Maybe some water festivities in the future" said Amy Persaud. But she agreed on the Fair's overall success as "It captured many festivities celebrated throughout the world".

Hoping that next year the available attractions would be better advertised.

"The Fall Family Festival was incredibly successful! I wasn't expecting all the fun attractions" said Haley Wing, a freshman. "I was so impressed!"

"The Family Festival was really well done, so yes! I would say it was a success. The families had a great time!" Beth Dorney, a sophomore also said.

"It was little to go with the flow" says Abi Fox, "No one really knew what was going on if they didn't have family there. Even though it was kind of unorganized, I thought it was extremely successful."

So mixed opinions about the fair but, the students agree it was an overall success.

A Student Art Exhibit, Technology Showcase and Parent and Family reception filled the rest of the afternoon until the Dining hall opened at 4:30pm. Everyone was invited to the senior night soccer games, Men and Women's versus Lynn University. Tropical Entertainment was provided in the School of Business courtyard with students joining the hula dancers and in awe of the exotic men with fire. The Fireworks filled the sky around 9:50pm, sending shivers down everyone's spine from not only the chilly night, but the intensity of the spectacular show. An unannounced finale to the weekend and a beautiful distraction for the last few minutes of the women's well played soccer game.

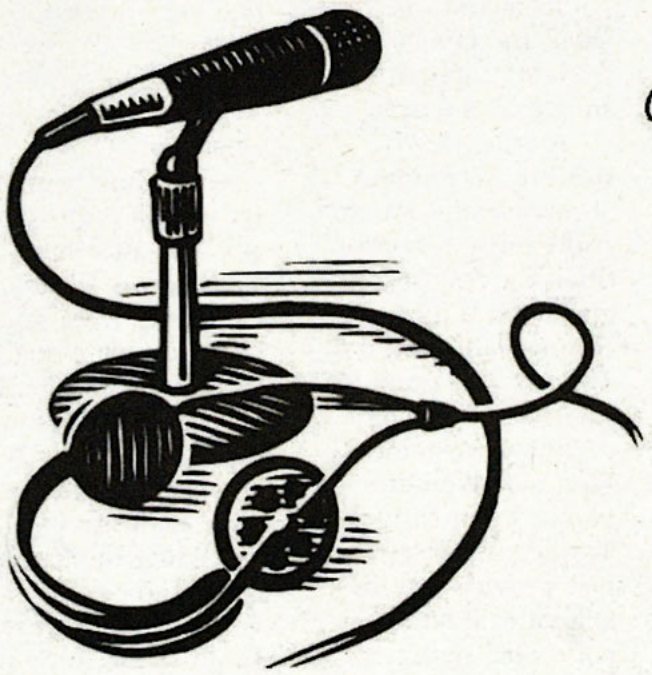
Sunday morning consisted of a scrumptious brunch, set out by the Dining Services and Mass available at 10:30 am. Goodbyes were said, as farewells were due to family members leaving as the festivities came to a close. The weekend proved to be an overall success according to students and families alike which helped those running the festival attain their ultimate goal, a festival for the family.

Campus News

Congratulations winners!

WSLU had a great response to the first, "Host Your Own Radio Show Contest."

Eric Dirth and Leah Hollingsworth	Lately in Leoland
Jarrod Gasper and Patrick Puzzo	The Warehouse with J-Rod and Patrice
Donavan Astwood and Lee Ann Antuna	Good Vibes Radio
Corey Saccone and Pat Puzzo	The Saint Leo Sports Zone
Danielle Carver	Trivial Pursuit
Marilyn Guy and Ariel Guy	God's out of the Box Radio Show



Congratulations to all our new hosts!

Stay tuned for programming information and schedule!

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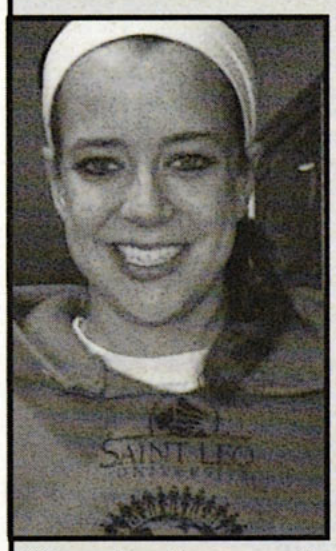
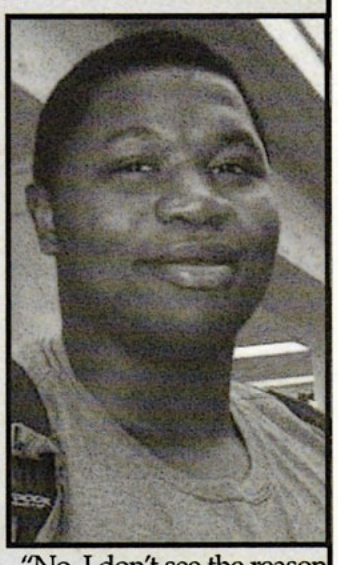
"Are you registered to vote? Why or why not?

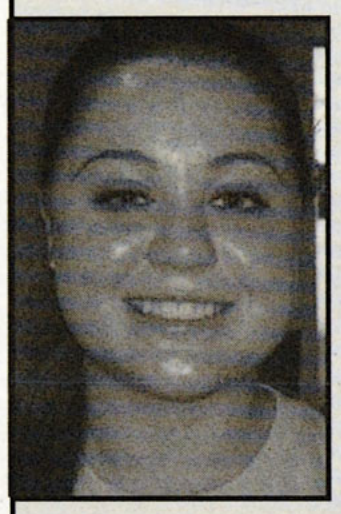


"Yes, so I can have a say in what happens because it affects me."
–Caryn Guth, junior

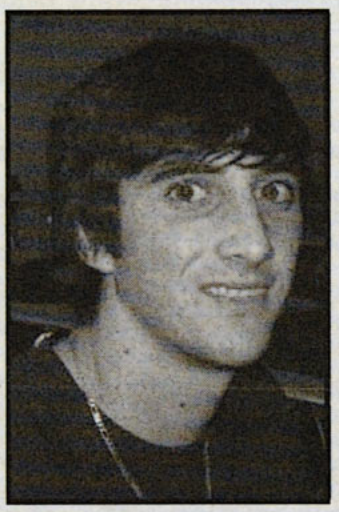
"Yes, because it is my one way I can be active in my government and I wouldn't lose that right."
–Jackie McKoen, junior



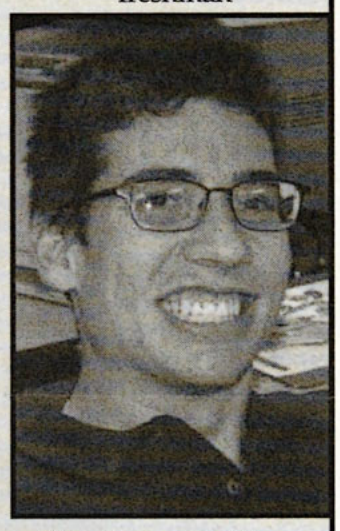
"No, I don't see the reason voting. No matter who is president, we have to live with the choices."
–Curtis Bowman, freshman



"Yes, because it makes me feel like I have a voice."
–Diane Barnard, freshman



"Yes, I care who my president is because it is my future also."
– Matt Rexford, freshman



"Yes, because I felt my voice should be heard."
–Kevin Sullivan II, senior

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The horror, the horror

By: Racheljoy Capitola
Copy Editor

Screams; high-pitched, fear-dripping screams.

It is the sound that people can expect to hear as Universal Studios prepares to celebrate the spooks and horrors of the season. Once again it is time for their annual fall event, known as Halloween Horror Nights. Everyone can expect the best this year with flesh-rotting zombies, chain-wielding prisoners, prey-seeking beasts, and many more terrifying creatures.

Although Universal is not the only theme park celebrating Halloween, it is one of the most unique places to check out. They are well-known for showcasing attractions based off of famous films, and Halloween Horror Nights is no exception.

So what can students expect going there? For a rare event, Universal has partnered with AMC to bring the series "The Walking Dead" to life, which is based on the story of a group of people trying to survive a zombie-infested apocalypse. The park has built a house with "walkers" ready to search for flesh. If zombies are not enough, fear-seekers can also look forward to themed houses from "Silent Hill," "The Chainsaw Massacre," and "La Llorona."

Aside from the movies, there are witches, vampires, and ghouls that wander the streets. A house has been built to explore the dementedness of Alice Cooper, his rock music, and various live shows which play throughout the night.

Now who wants to go? The school is providing students with the chance to go to Halloween Horror Nights if they are able to purchase a ticket on Oct. 18 for the trip on Oct. 25. But heads up, because these tickets sell out incredibly fast.

If anyone dares to attend, then they better prepared to face their worst nightmares. The monsters from the movies have escaped to spread Halloween fear to all. No one is safe. As warned by Universal: "Once you're inside … There is no way out."

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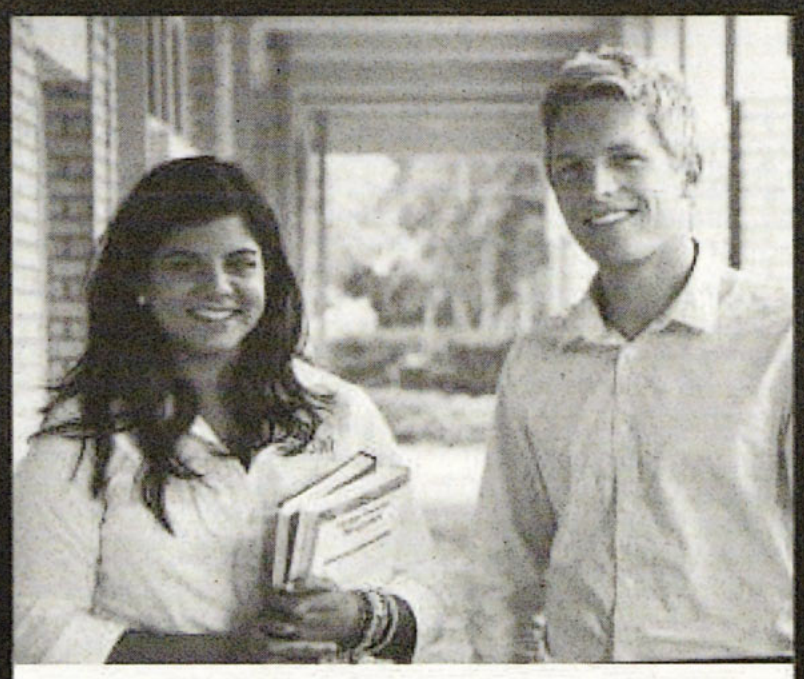

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Sports

Men's lacrosse opens University Turf Stadium

21-10 win against visiting University of Central Florida a sign of things to come

By Matthew Hewitt
Advertising Manager

The men's lacrosse team had an impressive win on Friday, Oct. 19 against the University of Central Florida Knights in the first ever game played on the new turf stadium.

UCF has a history of "firsts" when it comes to Saint Leo Athletics. During the dedication of the University Turf Stadium, Vice President Dave Ostrander pointed out that the first football game ever played by Saint Leo College was against the University of Central Florida. With the UCF lacrosse team standing on the sidelines on Friday evening, Ostrander announced that the first game ever played on the turf stadium would be against the same foe, that night at 7:30 p.m. Soon after the stadium's dedication ended, Saint Leo University battled the UCF Knights' club lacrosse team in an exhibition match that resulted in a 21-10 victory for the Lions.

Both Saint Leo and UCF played a very physical game, but the club team was no match for the Lions as they went on to more than double the Knight's output. The high-scoring game was a group effort, with three goals from senior Rob Van Bomel, two goals from junior Robert Hutchinson and freshman Dan Staker, and several other Lions adding one or two goals each.

A large crowd of students gathered in the stands of University Turf Stadium to enjoy a wide variety of free food and watch the men's lacrosse team play for the first time this fall.

Although the match was simply an exhibition game during the Lions' off-season, the win will forever be etched into the minds of the Saint Leo athletes that touched the field during Friday's clash.

"Playing on the new turf against a team in a different color jersey was unforgettable," said senior midfielder Robert Figueroa.

"Playing under the lights, on a brand new field, with fans packed into the stands cheering us on is what we have worked so hard for. The atmosphere on the field was intense."

The Lions finished last season with an overall record of 7-7 and ended up with a record of 4-4 in Deep South Conference play, and they hope their win on Friday will signal the start of a successful upcoming season. The spring 2013 men's lacrosse schedule has not yet been released, but the Athletic Department is planning for games to start in early- to mid-February. For more information regarding the men's lacrosse team, news, and schedules, please visit www.saintleolions.com.

Senior Night brings disappointment, yet another loss

By Chad Wise
Sports Editor

Senior Andrea Lott did not quite get the sendoff she wanted in her final home game, a 2-1 women's soccer loss to Lynn on Senior Night, but scoring her team's first goal in five contests was a personal highlight on Saturday, Oct. 20.

The Lions' penultimate match started later than scheduled because of the men's double-overtime loss to the same opponent, and Lott took advantage with a second-minute opener, her first of the season. Sophomore Ari Foreman dribbled through a few Fighting Knights defenders and placed a through ball to the feet of Lise Nisja, the other senior on the team, but the ball was cleared by a defender before Nisja could get off a shot.

From the resulting corner, a mistake by a Lynn defender led to the ball coming to Lott, who made no mistake in striking the ball past the opposing goalkeeper.

Despite the early lead, the Lions had a tough time of keeping possession throughout the opening minutes. Foreman was given less room to run in midfield and the offense consisted of long balls from the back line that were easily taken care of by the visitors.

Foreman did make another marauding run in the seventh minute, but found herself alone in the attacking third; Saint Leo had been defending with eleven players behind the ball. When Foreman lost possession, a dangerous counterattack from Lynn foreshadowed what was to come.

Saint Leo's shortcomings were exposed in the 11th minute after defenders failed to deal with multiple corners, one of which came to Lynn sophomore Kirstie Schults. Schults had time to settle the cross from her sister, Summer, and put it into the goal to level the game.

The Lions continued to park the bus on defense, and a foul gave Lynn an advantageous free kick opportunity in Saint Leo's half. The ball was bundled into goalkeeper Abbey Evans by a defender, who gathered it to settle the danger.

Nisja had a hopeful shot saved by Lynn 'keeper Kelsey Butler in the 14th minute, before the Fighting Knights sent multiple shots Evans' way just minutes later.

The Lions had one of the better opportunities of the game in the 30th minute when Nisja ran down the left flank, cut into the box, and was tackled for another corner. Lott, again, found the ball at her feet in the box from the cross, but was unable to recreate the magic she found in the opening minutes of the game.

Foreman set up an attacking move for the Lions in the 40th minute by making another run from midfield, which was followed by a cross from junior Ashley Acco that found no one. The halftime whistle blew with the score tied 1-1.

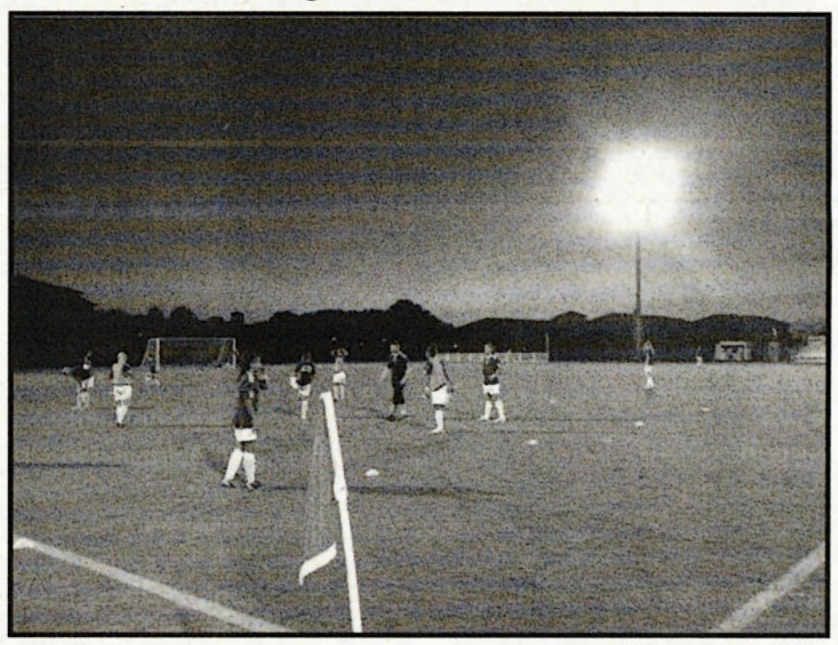
The Lions started brightly after the restart, with junior Stephanie Marran and Foreman each crossing the ball into the Lynn penalty area, but the attacks were easily dealt with by the goalkeeper.

Lynn freshman Tatiana Penagos found the breakthrough in the 56th minute when she was able to beat the last Lions defender in the box and chip Evans for a goal that stunned the University Field crowd. It seemed to spur on Saint Leo, however.

In the following few minutes, Marran caused problems alone at the top of the Lions' formation by dribbling around defenders and holding the ball well when pressured. It allowed Foreman to make her way from a deeper midfield role to support her forward, but they still found it hard to break through the Lynn defense.

The Lions put more pressure on Lynn than they did in the first half, but the visitors yielded nothing in defense. Nisja had one last opportunity in the 82nd minute with a dipping volley from about 25 yards out that went just over.

Lott, Nisja, and the rest of the women's soccer team were given a standing ovation from the crowd at the final whistle, which signaled the end of the 2-1 loss. The Lions ended their season on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Tampa.



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